

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Noriaki Oda et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THE SAME

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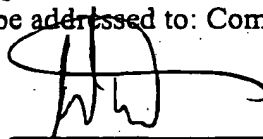
Sir:

Applicants submit the following in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, relative to the above-identified case.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

The present amendments are presented in the form authorized by the U.S.P.T.O. notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", published in Official Gazette volume 1267, No. 4, February 25, 2003.